



Appendix H – Agency Correspondence



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In Reply Refer To:

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2-21-00-I-064

December 16, 1999

Ms. Jacqueline Noblitt, P.E.
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RE: Design Concept Study for I-17, Loop 101 to Black Canyon City (TRACS No. 7 MA 215 H5162 01L)

Dear Ms. Noblitt:

This letter responds to your December 10, 1999, request for an inventory of threatened or endangered species, or those that are proposed to be listed as such under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), which may potentially occur in your project area (Maricopa County). The enclosed list may include candidate species as well. We hope the enclosed county list of species will be helpful. In future communications regarding this project, please refer to consultation number 2-21-00-I-064.

The enclosed list of the endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species includes all those potentially occurring anywhere in the county, or counties, where your project occurs. Please note that your project area may not necessarily include all or any of these species. The information provided includes general descriptions, habitat requirements, and other information for each species on the list. Also on the enclosed list is the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) citation for each list and is available at most public libraries. This information should assist you in determining which species may or may not occur within your project area. Site-specific surveys could also be helpful and may be needed to verify the presence or absence of a species or its habitat as required for the evaluation of proposed project-related impacts.

Endangered and threatened species are protected by Federal law and must be considered prior to project development. If the action agency determines that listed species or critical habitat may be adversely affected by a federally funded, permitted, or authorized activity, the action agency must request formal consultation with the Service. If the action agency determines that the planned action may jeopardize a proposed species or destroy or adversely modify proposed critical habitat, the action agency must enter into a section 7 conference with the Service. Candidate species are those which are being considered for addition to the list of threatened or endangered species. Candidate species are those for which there is sufficient information to support a

proposal for listing. Although candidate species have no legal protection under the Act, we recommend that they be considered in the planning process in the event that they become listed or proposed for listing prior to project completion.

If any proposed action occurs in or near areas with trees and shrubs growing along watercourses, known as riparian habitat, the Service recommends the protection of these areas. Riparian areas are critical to biological community diversity and provide linear corridors important to migratory species. In addition, if the project will result in the deposition of dredged or fill materials into waterways or excavation in waterways, we recommend you contact the Army Corps of Engineers which regulates these activities under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The State of Arizona protects some plant and animal species not protected by Federal law. We recommend you contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Arizona Department of Agriculture for State-listed or sensitive species in your project area.

The Service appreciates your efforts to identify and avoid impacts to listed and sensitive species in your project area. If we may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact Tom Gatz.

Sincerely,


cfr David L. Harlow
Field Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: John Kennedy, Habitat Branch, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix, AZ

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1) LISTED

TOTAL= 13

NAME: ARIZONA AGAVE

AGAVE ARIZONICA

STATUS: ENDANGERED

CRITICAL HAB No RECOVERY PLAN: No CFR: 49 FR 21055, 05-18-1984

DESCRIPTION: HAS ATTRACTIVE ROSETTES OF BRIGHT GREEN LEAVES WITH DARK
MAHOGANY MARGINS. FLOWER: BORNE ON SUB-UMBELLATE
INFLORESCENCES.

ELEVATION

RANGE: 3000-6000 FT.

COUNTIES: GILA, YAVAPAI, MARICOPA

HABITAT: TRANSITION ZONE BETWEEN OAK-JUNIPER WOODLAND & MOUNTAIN MAHOGANY-OAK SCRUB

SCATTERED CLONES IN NEW RIVER MOUNTAINS AND SIERRA ANCHA. USUALLY FOUND ON STEEP, ROCKY
SLOPES. POSSIBLY MAZATAL MOUNTAINS. SHOULD BE LOOKED FOR WHEREVER THE RANGES OF *Agave*
louisianensis var. *bella* AND *Agave chrysantha* OVERLAP.

NAME: ARIZONA CLIFFROSE

PURSHIA SUBINTEGRA

STATUS: ENDANGERED

CRITICAL HAB No RECOVERY PLAN: Yes CFR: 49 FR 22326 5-29-84

DESCRIPTION: EVERGREEN SHRUB OF THE ROSE FAMILY (ROSEACEAE). BARK PALE
SHREDDY. YOUNG TWIGS WITH DENSE HAIRS. LEAVES 1-5 LOBES AND
EDGES CURL DOWNWARD (REVOLUTE). FLOWERS: 5 WHITE OR YELLOW
PETALS <0.5 INCH LONG.

ELEVATION

RANGE: <4000 FT.

COUNTIES: GRAHAM YAVAPAI MARICOPA MOHAVE

HABITAT: CHARACTERISTIC WHITE SOILS OF TERTIARY LIMESTONE LAKEBED DEPOSITS.

WHITE SOILS OF TERTIARY LIMESTONE LAKEBED DEPOSITS CAN BE SEEN FROM A DISTANCE.

NAME ARIZONA HEDGEHOG CACTUS

ECHINOCEREUS TRIGLOCHIDIATUS ARIZONICUS

STATUS: ENDANGERED

CRITICAL HAB No RECOVERY PLAN: No CFR: 44 FR 61556, 10-15-1979

DESCRIPTION: DARK GREEN CYLINDROID 2.5-12 INCHES TALL, 2-10 INCHES IN
DIAMETER, SINGLE OR IN CLUSTERS. 1-3 GRAY OR PINKISH CENTRAL
SPINES LARGEST DEFLEXED AND 5-11 SHORTER RADIAL SPINES.
FLOWER: BRILLIANT RED, SIDE OF STEM IN APRIL- MAY

ELEVATION

RANGE: 3700-5200 FT.

COUNTIES: MARICOPA, GILA, PINAL

HABITAT: ECOTONE BETWEEN INTERIOR CHAPPARAL AND MADREAN EVERGREEN WOODLAND

OPEN SLOPES, IN NARROW CRACKS BETWEEN BOULDERS, AND IN UNDERSTORY OF SHRUBS. THIS VARIETY IS
BELIEVED TO INTERGRADE AT THE EDGES OF ITS DISTRIBUTION WITH VARIETIES *MELANCANTHUS* AND
NEOMEXICANUS CAUSING SOME CONFUSION IN IDENTIFICATION.

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NAME: LESSER LONG-NOSED BAT

LEPTONYCTERIS CURASOAE YERBABUENAE

STATUS: ENDANGERED

CRITICAL HAB No RECOVERY PLAN: Yes CFR: 53 FR 38456, 09-30-88

DESCRIPTION: ELONGATED MUZZLE, SMALL LEAF NOSE, AND LONG TONGUE.
YELLOWISH BROWN OR GRAY ABOVE AND CINNAMON BROWN BELOW.
TAIL MINUTE AND APPEARS TO BE LACKING. EASILY DISTURBED.

ELEVATION
RANGE: <6000 FT.

COUNTIES: COCHISE, PIMA, SANTA CRUZ, GRAHAM, PINAL, MARICOPA

HABITAT: DESERT SCRUB HABITAT WITH AGAVE AND COLUMNAR CACTI PRESENT AS FOOD PLANTS

DAY ROOSTS IN CAVES AND ABANDONED TUNNELS. FORAGES AT NIGHT ON NECTAR, POLLEN, AND FRUIT OF
PANICULATE AGAVES AND COLUMNAR CACTI. THIS SPECIES IS MIGRATORY AND IS PRESENT IN ARIZONA,
USUALLY FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER AND SOUTH OF THE BORDER THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

NAME: SONORAN PRONGHORN

ANTILOCAPRA AMERICANA SONORIENSIS

STATUS: ENDANGERED

CRITICAL HAB No RECOVERY PLAN: Yes CFR: 32 FR 4001, 03-11-67

DESCRIPTION: BUFF ON BACK AND WHITE BELOW, HOOFED WITH SLIGHTLY CURVED
BLACK HORNS HAVING A SINGLE PRONG. SMALLEST AND PALEST OF
THE PRONGHORN SUBSPECIES.

ELEVATION
RANGE: 2000-4000 FT.

COUNTIES: PIMA, YUMA, MARICOPA

HABITAT: BROAD, INTERMOUNTAIN ALLUVIAL VALLEYS WITH CREOSOTE-BURSAGE & PALO VERDE-MIXED CACTI ASSOCIATIONS

TYPICALLY, BAJADAS ARE USED AS FAWNING AREAS AND SANDY DUNE AREAS PROVIDE FOOD SEASONALLY.
HISTORIC RANGE WAS PROBABLY LARGER THAN EXISTS TODAY. THIS SUBSPECIES ALSO OCCURS IN MEXICO.

NAME: DESERT PUFFISH

CYPRINODON MACULARIUS

STATUS: ENDANGERED

CRITICAL HAB Yes RECOVERY PLAN: Yes CFR: 51 FR 10842, 03-31-1986

DESCRIPTION: SMALL (2 INCHES) SMOOTHLY ROUNDED BODY SHAPE WITH NARROW
VERTICAL BARS ON THE SIDES. BREEDING MALES BLUE ON HEAD AND
SIDES WITH YELLOW ON TAIL. FEMALES & JUVENILES TAN TO OLIVE
COLORED BACK AND SILVERY SIDES.

ELEVATION
RANGE: <5000 FT.

COUNTIES: LA PAZ, PIMA, GRAHAM, MARICOPA, PINAL, YAVAPAI, SANTA CRUZ

HABITAT: SHALLOW SPRINGS, SMALL STREAMS, AND MARSHES. TOLERATES SALINE & WARM WATER

CRITICAL HABITAT INCLUDES QUITOBAQUITO SPRING, PIMA COUNTY, PORTIONS OF SAN FELIPE CREEK, CARRIZO
WASH. AND FISH CREEK WASH, IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. TWO SUBSPECIES ARE RECOGNIZED: DESERT
PUFFISH (*C. m. macularis*) AND QUITOBAQUITO PUFFISH (*C. m. eremus*).

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NAME: GILA TOPMINNOW

POECILIOPSIS OCCIDENTALIS OCCIDENTALIS

STATUS: ENDANGERED

CRITICAL HAB No RECOVERY PLAN: Yes CFR: 32 FR 4001, 03-11-1967

DESCRIPTION: SMALL (2 INCHES), GUPPY-LIKE, LIVE BEARING, LACKS DARK SPOTS ON ITS FINS. BREEDING MALES ARE JET BLACK WITH YELLOW FINS.

ELEVATION

RANGE: <4500 FT.

COUNTIES: GILA, PINAL, GRAHAM, YAVAPAI, SANTA CRUZ, PIMA, MARICOPA, LA PAZ

HABITAT: SMALL STREAMS, SPRINGS, AND CIENEGAS VEGETATED SHALLOWS

SPECIES HISTORICALLY OCCURRED IN BACKWATERS OF LARGE RIVERS BUT IS CURRENTLY ISOLATED TO SMALL STREAMS AND SPRINGS

NAME: RAZORBACK SUCKER

XYRAUCHEN TEXANUS

STATUS: ENDANGERED

CRITICAL HAB Yes RECOVERY PLAN: Yes CFR: 55 FR 21154, 05-22-1990;

DESCRIPTION: LARGE (UP TO 3 FEET AND UP TO 16 POUNDS) LONG, HIGH SHARP-EDGED KEEL-LIKE HUMP BEHIND THE HEAD. HEAD FLATTENED ON TOP. OLIVE-BROWN ABOVE TO YELLOWISH BELOW.

ELEVATION

RANGE: <6000 FT.

COUNTIES: GREENLEE, MOHAVE, PINAL, YAVAPAI, YUMA, LA PAZ, MARICOPA (REFUGIA), GILA, COCONINO, GRAHAM

HABITAT: RIVERINE & LACUSTRINE AREAS, GENERALLY NOT IN FAST MOVING WATER AND MAY USE BACKWATERS

SPECIES IS ALSO FOUND IN HORSESHOE RESERVOIR (MARICOPA COUNTY). CRITICAL HABITAT INCLUDES THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN OF THE RIVER THROUGH GRAND CANYON FROM CONFLUENCE WITH PARIA RIVER TO HOOVER DAM; HOOVER DAM TO DAVIS DAM; PARKER DAM TO IMPERIAL DAM. ALSO GILA RIVER FROM AZ/NM BORDER TO COOLIDGE DAM; AND SALT RIVER FROM HWY 60/SR 77 BRIDGE TO ROOSEVELT DAM; VERDE RIVER FROM FS BOUNDARY TO HORSESHOE LAKE.

NAME: BALD EAGLE

HALIAEETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS

STATUS: THREATENED

CRITICAL HAB No RECOVERY PLAN: Yes CFR: 60 FR 35999, 07-12-95

DESCRIPTION: LARGE, ADULTS HAVE WHITE HEAD AND TAIL. HEIGHT 28 - 38"; WINGSPAN 66 - 96". 1-4 YRS DARK WITH VARYING DEGREES OF MOTTLED BROWN PLUMAGE. FEET BARE OF FEATHERS.

ELEVATION

RANGE: VARIES FT.

COUNTIES: YUMA, LA PAZ, MOHAVE, YAVAPAI, MARICOPA, PINAL, COCONINO, NAVAJO, APACHE, SANTA CRUZ, PIMA, GILA, GRAHAM, COCHISE

HABITAT: LARGE TREES OR CLIFFS NEAR WATER (RESERVOIRS, RIVERS AND STREAMS) WITH ABUNDANT PREY

SOME BIRDS ARE NESTING RESIDENTS WHILE A LARGER NUMBER WINTERS ALONG RIVERS AND RESERVOIRS. AN ESTIMATED 200 TO 300 BIRDS WINTER IN ARIZONA. ONCE ENDANGERED (32 FR 4001, 03-11-1967; 43 FR 6233, 02-14-78) BECAUSE OF REPRODUCTIVE FAILURES FROM PESTICIDE POISONING AND LOSS OF HABITAT, THIS SPECIES WAS DOWN LISTED TO THREATENED ON AUGUST 11, 1995. ILLEGAL SHOOTING, DISTURBANCE, LOSS OF HABITAT CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM. SPECIES HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR DELISTING (64 FR 36454) BUT STILL RECEIVES FULL PROTECTION UNDER ESA.

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NAME: CACTUS FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL

GLAUCIDIUM BRASILIANUM CACTORUM

STATUS: ENDANGERED

CRITICAL HAB Yes RECOVERY PLAN: No CFR: 62 FR 10730, 3-10-97

DESCRIPTION: SMALL (APPROX. 7"), DIURNAL OWL REDDISH BROWN OVERALL WITH
CREAM-COLORED BELLY STREAKED WITH REDDISH BROWN. SOME
INDIVIDUALS ARE GRAYISH BROWN

ELEVATION

RANGE: <4000 FT.

COUNTIES: MARICOPA, YUMA, SANTA CRUZ, GRAHAM, GREENLEE, PIMA, PINAL, GILA, COCHISE

HABITAT: MATURE COTTONWOOD/WILLOW, MESQUITE BOSQUES, AND SONORAN DESERT SCRUB

RANGE LIMIT IN ARIZONA IS FROM NEW RIVER (NORTH) TO GILA BOX (EAST) TO CABEZA PRIETA MOUNTAINS
(WEST). ONLY A FEW DOCUMENTED SITES WHERE THIS SPECIES PERSISTS ARE KNOWN. ADDITIONAL SURVEYS
ARE NEEDED. CRITICAL HABITAT IN PIMA, COCHISE, PINAL, AND MARICOPA COUNTIES (64 FR 37419).

NAME: MEXICAN SPOTTED OWL

STRIX OCCIDENTALIS LUCIDA

STATUS: THREATENED

CRITICAL HAB No RECOVERY PLAN: Yes CFR: 56 FR 14678, 04-11-91

DESCRIPTION: MEDIUM SIZED WITH DARK EYES AND NO EAR TUFTS. BROWNISH AND
HEAVILY SPOTTED WITH WHITE OR BEIGE.

ELEVATION

RANGE: 4100-9000 FT.

COUNTIES: MOHAVE, COCONINO, NAVAJO, APACHE, YAVAPAI, GRAHAM, GREENLEE, COCHISE, SANTA CRUZ, PIMA,
PINAL, GILA, MARICOPA

HABITAT: NESTS IN CANYONS AND DENSE FORESTS WITH MULTILAYERED FOLIAGE STRUCTURE

GENERALLY NESTS IN OLDER FORESTS OF MIXED CONIFER OR PONDEROSA PINE/GAMBEL OAK TYPE, IN
CANYONS, AND USE VARIETY OF HABITATS FOR FORAGING. SITES WITH COOL MICROCLIMATES APPEAR TO BE
OF IMPORTANCE OR ARE PREFERRED.

NAME: SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER

EMPIDONAX TRAILLII EXTIMUS

STATUS: ENDANGERED

CRITICAL HAB Yes RECOVERY PLAN: No CFR: 60 FR 10694, 02-27-95

DESCRIPTION: SMALL PASSERINE (ABOUT 6") GRAYISH-GREEN BACK AND WINGS,
WHITISH THROAT, LIGHT OLIVE-GRAY BREAST AND PALE YELLOWISH
BELLY. TWO WINGBARS VISIBLE. EYE-RING FAINT OR ABSENT.

ELEVATION

RANGE: <8500 FT.

COUNTIES: YAVAPAI, GILA, MARICOPA, MOHAVE, COCONINO, NAVAJO, APACHE, PINAL, LA PAZ, GREENLEE, GRAHAM,
YUMA, PIMA, COCHISE, SANTA CRUZ

HABITAT: COTTONWOOD/WILLOW & TAMARISK VEGETATION COMMUNITIES ALONG RIVERS & STREAMS

MIGRATORY RIPARIAN OBLIGATE SPECIES THAT OCCUPIES BREEDING HABITAT FROM LATE APRIL TO
SEPTEMBER. DISTRIBUTION WITHIN ITS RANGE IS RESTRICTED TO RIPARIAN CORRIDORS. DIFFICULT TO
DISTINGUISH FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EMPIDONAX COMPLEX BY SIGHT ALONE. TRAINING SEMINAR
REQUIRED FOR THOSE CONDUCTING FLYCATCHER SURVEYS. CRITICAL HABITAT ON PORTIONS OF THE 100-YEAR
FLOODPLAIN ON SAN PEDRO AND VERDE RIVERS; WET BEAVER AND WEST CLEAR CREEKS, INCLUDING TAVASCI
MARSH AND ISTER FLAT; THE COLORADO RIVER, THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER, AND THE WEST, EAST, AND
SOUTH FORKS OF THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER, REFERENCE 60 CFR: 62 FR 39129, 7/22/97.

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NAME: YUMA CLAPPER RAIL

RALLUS LONGIROSTRIS YUMANENSIS

STATUS: ENDANGERED

CRITICAL HAB No RECOVERY PLAN: Yes CFR: 32 FR 4001, 03-11-67; 48

DESCRIPTION: WATER BIRD WITH LONG LEGS AND SHORT TAIL. LONG SLENDER

FR 34182, 07-27-83

DECURVED BILL. MOTTLED BROWN ON GRAY ON ITS RUMP. FLANKS

AND UNDERSIDES ARE DARK GRAY WITH NARROW VERTICAL STRIPES

PRODUCING A BARRING EFFECT.

ELEVATION

RANGE: <4500 FT.

COUNTIES: YUMA, LA PAZ, MARICOPA, PINAL, MOHAVE

HABITAT: FRESH WATER AND BRACKISH MARSHES

SPECIES IS ASSOCIATED WITH DENSE EMERGENT RIPARIAN VEGETATION. REQUIRES WET SUBSTRATE (MUDFLAT, SANDBAR) WITH DENSE HERBACEOUS OR WOODY VEGETATION FOR NESTING AND FORAGING. CHANNELIZATION AND MARSH DEVELOPMENT ARE PRIMARY SOURCES OF HABITAT LOSS.



December 30, 1999

City of Phoenix

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Arizona Department of Transportation
Mr. Richard DeBoer, Project Monitor
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Dear Richard,

This transmittal will serve to address the concerns of the Planning and Street Transportation Department(s) of the City of Phoenix regarding the I-17 Design Concept Study currently being conducted by Stanley Consultants.

Due to the access needs of anticipated development in the North Black Canyon Corridor, it is essential that additional capacity be provided on the I-17 mainline and that additional traffic interchanges be constructed in the future at Dove Valley Road, Lone Mountain Road and Jomax Road. Several Planned Community Development (PCD) approvals have been made in the Corridor this past year and a future regional employment center will be located east of I-17 between Dove Valley and Lone Mountain Roads. The City is also interested in having this study address the need for a continuation of the existing frontage roads from their current termination at about the Dixileta Road alignment north to at least Lone Mountain Road.

The City of Phoenix is not supportive of the Lone Mountain Road alignment of future Route 303 as recommended in the current study being conducted by the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT). The City will support an alignment that traverses north of the Carefree Highway east of 67th Avenue.

Please find attached a copy of the Phoenix Street Reclassification Map as well as General Plan Land Use and a PCD Zoning map for the North Black Canyon Corridor. If you have further questions or concerns please contact Charles Fitzhugh with the Planning Department at (602)-261-8802 or John Siefert with the Street Transportation Department at (602)-262-6284.

Sincerely,

David E. Richert
Director, Planning Department

Cc: Jacqueline Noblitt, Stanley Consultants
Dan Lance, ADOT
John Siefert, Phoenix Streets Transportation Department
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January 18, 2000

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RE: I-17, Loop 101- Black Canyon City Design Concept Study

Dear Ms. McMichael:

The City of Peoria is very interested in the ability to have an interchange at the Dynamite alignment for future Loop 303 freeway. Alternatively, our second choice would be to convert the Carefree Highway interchange to a Loop 303 interchange from the west and continue to allow for the existing access (non-freeway) to the east. The reason for these locations as mentioned earlier is that based on the Lake Pleasant (303) Corridor Study (MCDOT/Peoria) there needs to be a future freeway corridor that connects with I-17 in the area between the two locations. Planning now for the interchange to ensure that there are no conflicts with Phoenix's Deer Valley Development (north of Dynamite) obviously is in both the best interest of ADOT, as well as the West and Central Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David A. Moody".

David A. Moody, P.E.
Public Works/Engineering Director

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**C: Meredith Flinn, Deputy City Manager
Phillip Hubbard, Government Liaison
Scott Nodes, Traffic Engineer
Dave Fitzhugh, Civil Engineer
Tom Callow, Street Transportation Director, City of Phoenix**



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Initial Section 106 Consultation

S.H.P.O. 2001 -732 (5632)

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Dear Ms. Miller:

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are in the pre-design planning stage for the proposed widening of Interstate 17 (I-17) from the Loop 101 Interchange to Black Canyon City (Mileposts 214 - 245). This project is eligible for Federal-aid funding by FHWA and is considered an undertaking subject to Section 106 review. Land jurisdiction within the project area is ADOT-owned, private. Arizona State Land Department, and Bureau of Land Management. New right-of-way and/or temporary construction easements would be required.

The purpose of this correspondence is to initiate consultation between the consulting parties as well as to identify other entities that should be involved in consultation. Consulting parties that have been identified thus far are ADOT, FHWA, the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona State Land Department (ASLD), the Hopi Tribe, the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. ADOT/FHWA is consulting with you pursuant to 36 CFR 800: Protection of Historic Properties.

At this time, FHWA is submitting the enclosed report *"Literature Review of Interstate 17 Between Pima Freeway and Black Canyon City, Maricopa and Yavapai Counties, Arizona"* for your review and comment. This report has been developed to document previous research and identify known cultural resources that might be impacted by the proposed undertaking. This information is provided for pre-design services and long-range implementation plans for the proposed widening of I-17.

ADOT/FHWA are committed to further consultation for this project. This initial consultation would be followed by subsequent consultation as other information becomes available (design concept reports, cultural resources survey). ADOT/FHWA are concurrently consulting with the

above interested parties and would provide any correspondence to SHPO. Thank you for your continued cooperation with this agency. Should you have any questions, please call Serelle Laine, ADOT Historic Preservation Specialist (602) 712-8636.

Sincerely,

William P. Hollar

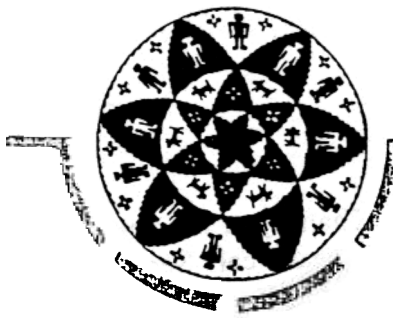
For Robert E. Hollis
Division Administrator

Enclosures

*Thank you for the
information, which FHWA
will find useful in planning.
We look forward to consulting
as the project progresses.*

Serelle Laine

*SHPO
April 18, 2001*



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March 23, 2001

Mr. Robert E. Hollis
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Steve

Refer to: HA-AZ
NH-017-A(874 etc

Dear Mr. Hollis:

This is in reply to your letter of March 12, 2001 regarding the proposed widening of Interstate 17.

While portions of this area were occupied by the Yavapai, we cannot comment on any Yavapai remains until a complete cultural resources survey has been accomplished. The data you provided is not sufficient for us to make a determination as to whether Yavapai sites are present.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Nancy Lee Hayden, Tribal Culture Research Director at (520 445-8790 ext. 135.

Sincerely

Stan Rice, Jr.
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President

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